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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY
No. ARD 2001-004

RE: Open Burning of Non-Conforming Materials

Dear Ms. Daley

On May 25, 2000 and October 26, 2000, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division (DES), performed inspections at the Piermont Solid Waste Transfer Station (Facility) located off Bedford Road at Tax Map U1, Lot 1 in Piermont, NH. The purpose of the inspections was to determine compliance with the NH Admin. Rules Env-A 100-3600, specifically, Env A 1000, Prevention, Abatement, and Control of Open Source Air Pollution, and Authorization to Burn Brush and Untreated Wood, PIP No. 13607 (PIP No. 13607) which authorizes the Town of Piermont to operate a municipal burn site for untreated wood and brush.

At the time of the May 25, 2000 inspection, the DES inspector observed the following charred materials in the burn pile: fluorescent light bulbs, paper, stumps, furniture, plywood, an umbrella and assorted metals.

During the October 26, 2000 inspection, the DES inspector observed the following non-conforming materials in the burn pile: plywood and manufactured lumber.

Based upon these findings, DES has determined that the Facility has been operating in violation of Env-A 1001.04(a)(2), Division Authorization for Certain Open Burning, and Condition 2 of PIP No. 13607.

Env-A 1001.04(a)(2) restricts any city or town from burning anything except brush or untreated wood

Condition 2 of PIP No. 739 requires all burning to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Env-A 1000 and that only brush and untreated wood, as defined in Env-A 101, shall be accepted and treated at the burn site:

- a Env-A 101.54 defines **Brush** as "tree tops, limbs, saplings, and tree cuttings, to include attached leaves, which are five (5) inches in diameter or less"; and
- b Env-A 101.286 defines **Untreated wood** as "timber, board or sawn dimensional lumber which has not been treated, coated or preserved. This term does not include any manufactured building material, such as plywood or wafer board."

DES believes that the above-referenced deficiencies can be resolved if the Facility adheres to the following procedures:

1. Burn only brush and untreated wood as described in PIP No. 13607, Env-A 101.54 and Env-A 101.286. Separate materials that do not meet the specifications of Condition 2 of PIP No. 13607, Env-A 101.54 and Env-A 101.286 from the burn area; and
2. Submit a written statement to DES within ten (10) days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency attesting that if open burning activities continue, they will be conducted in accordance with PIP No. 13607 and Env-A 1000.

Attached is a copy of PIP No. 13607, Env-A 101.54, Env-A 101.286 and Env-A 1000 for your reference. Please submit the requested information, within the specified time frame, to the following address:

Ms. Mary Ruel, Enforcement Section Supervisor
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Air Resources Division, Compliance Bureau
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
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In the event compliance is not achieved within the specified time frame, DES may initiate formal action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected and/or referring this matter to the NH Department of Justice for civil and/or criminal penalties. DES reserves the right to pursue administrative fines for the violations noted above.

If you have any questions concerning this Letter of Deficiency, please contact Ms. Mary Ruel, Enforcement Section Supervisor, Compliance Bureau, Air Resources Division, at (603) 271-6795.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, black-outlined word "COPY" is centered on the page. A handwritten signature in black ink is written over the word, starting from the left and extending to the right, crossing the top of the letters.

Pamela G. Monroe
Compliance Bureau Administrator
Air Resources Division

Enclosure: PIP No. 13607, Env-A 101.54, Env-A 101.286 and Env-A 1000

cc: K. A. Colburn, DES O/C
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